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# State Route 52 Widening I-805 to SR-125

# SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES

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### OVERALL GOALS

- Reduce congestion on this important regional transportation corridor between the growing east county communities and the metropolitan employment centers.
- Support the goals of the regional transportation plan by providing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.
- Construct near term operational improvements that could relieve some congestion while the larger improvements are being developed.

#### THE PROJECT

The project will widen State Route 52 from its junction with Interstate 805 to the junction with State Route 125. It is envisioned that the project will be constructed in two segments.

- The first segment will be between Interstate 15 and State Route 125. The project will add one additional general purpose lane in each direction and will also add two reversible "Managed Lanes".
- The limits of the second segment are from Interstate 805 to Interstate 15. In this area the addition of one HOV lane in each direction is proposed.

Caltrans has also started the development of smaller operational improvements that could provide some congestion relief while the larger projects are being developed. The first of these near term projects is the extension of the existing westbound truck-climbing lane from where it now ends near the summit to the Santo Road interchange.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

It is anticipated that the environmental clearance could be completed and approved by late 2008. If the work encroaches into adjacent properties, in particular the regional park areas, the environmental clearance could take a number of years longer.

The first of the nearterm operational improvements will begin construction late 2006.

## FUNDING

The current planning level cost estimate for the two proposed segments and the near-term operation improvements is \$288 million. This project was identified for funding in the TransNet extension that was recently approved by voters. The SANDAG board has also identified this as one of the region's TransNet Early Action Projects and a priority for early funding.

#### SCHEDULE

Construction of the first near-term operational improvement will begin in late 2006 and will be completed in mid-2007. Caltrans plans to start construction of the first segment of the Managed Lanes project between I-15 and SR-125 early 2010 and be completed late 2012.

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